Monthly Status Report W. R. Grace Superfund Site Acton, Massachusetts June 8, 2004

W. R. Grace (Grace) is preparing the Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, the Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment and Public Health Risk Assessment Deliverable III for the above referenced site. This Monthly Status Report is being transmitted to keep the government parties advised of the progress and schedule of ongoing activities. This report summarizes the activities completed in the past month, provides a schedule of activities planned for the coming month and describes any problems encountered. The exact date of scheduled activities may change due to resource availability and/or weather. Those interested in being kept advised of schedule changes of a particular activity are requested to contact the person listed for that activity.

Private Wells

As was proposed in the February 24, 2004 letter from GeoTrans to the US EPA and MADEP, passive diffusive bags were deployed in the three monitoring wells in the former Lisa Lane irrigation well on May 11th. The bags were retrieved on June 2nd. In addition, on June 2nd, a groundwater sample was collected from the deepest well using conventional sampling techniques. These four groundwater samples will be analyzed for VOCs. The results from this sampling will be summarized in a letter to the government parties in July 2004.

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Groundwater Sampling

Seven wells in the area of former extraction well NMGP were sampled for VOCs in mid April, as proposed in the November 10, 2003 letter from Remedium to the US EPA and MADEP. A letter summarizing the results of this sampling was submitted to the government parties on May 26th.

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Public Health and Ecological Risk Assessments

On May 21st, EPA provided information necessary for the completion of Deliverable III via email and indicated that if there was still outstanding data or information (toxicity values, etc) required to complete the PHRA III that Menzie Cura should use their best professional judgment to review and obtain the necessary information in order to complete the Public Health Risk Assessment. The revised RI/FS schedule submitted on April 29th, which included a PHRA Deliverable III submittal date of July 9th, anticipated that this information would be available from EPA by the beginning of May.

Consequently, the current schedule anticipates submittal of PHRA Deliverable III on July 30^{th} . The Ecological Risk Assessment will also be submitted on July 30^{th} .

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